

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method for managing telecommunication bills for a subscriber, the method comprising the steps of:

- conducting an initial analysis of a subscriber's telecommunication ~~predicted-usage requirements, wherein the initial analysis is based at least on the subscriber's predicted~~ telecommunication usage requirements and the subscriber's historical telecommunication usage;
- creating a report based on the initial analysis of ~~to correspond to the subscriber's telecommunication predicted-usage requirements and historical usage~~;
- selecting at least one telecommunication carrier plan to conform to the initial analysis~~predicted-usage requirements and the historical usage~~;
- receiving a subsequent bill from the carrier corresponding to the subscriber's actual telecommunication usage and containing an actual billed amount;
- comparing the subscriber's actual telecommunication usage to the initial analysis of the subscriber's telecommunication predicted-usage requirements to identify differences between the actual usage and the initial analysis; ~~predicted-usage requirements and to~~
- identifying instances in which such differences result in additional or unexpected charges;
- updating the initial analysis of the subscriber's telecommunication usage requirements based at least on the subscriber's actual telecommunication usage and on additional subscriber's predicted telecommunication usage requirements;
- comparing the updated analysis to the initial analysis to determine any differences between the updated analysis and the initial analysis;
- determining whether a different telecommunications plan better conforms to the updated analysis based on the comparison of the updated analysis to the initial analysis;

selecting the different telecommunications plan when the determination indicates that the different telecommunications plan better conforms to the updated analysis;

determining an anticipated billed amount based on the actual usage;
comparing the anticipated billed amount to the actual billed amount to identify billing errors in the bill; and
creating an actual report for the subscriber.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Previous presented) The method as described in claim 1, comprising:
requesting billing credit from the carrier in the amount of the identified errors;
reviewing a further subsequent bill from the carrier to insure that credit was posted to the subscriber account.

4. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the method is performed on a periodic basis corresponding to the generation of bills by the carrier.

5. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1, further comprising:
identifying a new telecommunication carrier plan;
comparing both the selected carrier plan and the new carrier plan to the analysis
~~predicted usage requirements, the historical usage, and the actual usage;~~
deciding whether the new carrier plan better conforms to the analysis and the
subscriber's ~~predicted usage requirements, historical usage, and actual usage.~~

6. (Original) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the subscriber comprises a plurality of telecommunication users.

7. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the step of selecting a telecommunication carrier plan to correspond to the analysis of the subscriber's telecommunication predicted-usage requirements and the historical usage comprises selecting a plurality of telecommunication carrier plans to correspond to the analysis of the subscriber's telecommunication predicted-usage requirements and the historical usage.

8. (Previously presented) The method as described in claim 7, wherein the plurality of plans is provided by a plurality of plan carriers.

9. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the analysis of a subscriber's telecommunication ~~predicted-usage requirements and historical usage~~ includes identifying and ~~suggesting~~ a plurality of telecommunication carrier options and plans.

10. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 6, wherein the analysis of a subscriber's telecommunication ~~predicted-usage requirements and historical usage~~ corresponds to a plurality of telecommunication users and usage requirements for each user.

11. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 10, wherein the analysis ~~is further includes based on~~ calling patterns of each user, coverage requirements for each user, and feature needs of each user.

12. (Currently amended) The method as described in claim 10, wherein the analysis ~~is further based on an includes~~ organizational departmentalization for each user.

13. (New) The method as described in claim 1, wherein the subscriber is part of a business entity.